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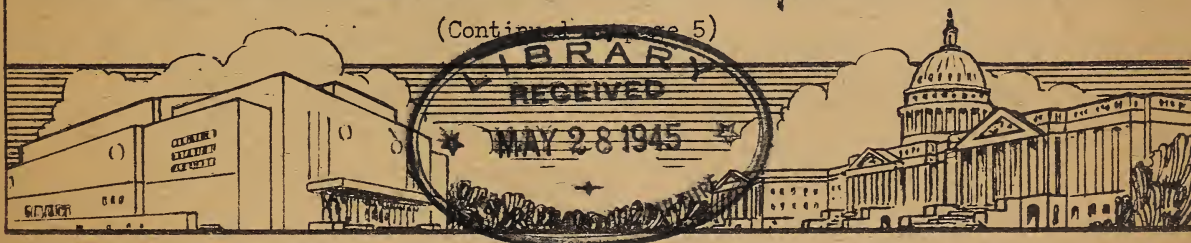
NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

Dave Stanley. I appreciated a Christmas greeting I received from the Farm Credit Club.....Most of our drill and training area is sandy. We're using 1917 model guns, too.....Our basic training is over, and we are now getting supplementary training. It includes instruction which every infantryman gets but which is not usually given to Air Force recruits. We are so favored because we're waiting around to be assigned to other bases. In the meantime we can't do nothing and we can't do basic training all over - hence the supplementary training. So far the program has included grenade and bayonet instruction, lectures on desert and jungle warfare, and on scouting and patrolling, movies on recognition of enemy aircraft, and tougher exercise than heretofore.....Had a pleasant but warm Christmas, including a wonderful meal.....There's a S-T from the Columbia district of FCA next door to me.

Frank Nelson. December 31 I got back to the base here in San Diego from the rifle range where I spent 3 weeks learning to shoot my M-1 Garand semiautomatic rifle. I got a lot out of those weeks and ended up getting a rating of Expert Rifleman and a raise of \$5 a month. So I think I have made a little headway.....I may be in the Parachute Troops at the end of this month. It is a pretty tough job to get into them but I think I will make it.....Would like to see all of the gang and especially the new messengers. Haven't seen any girls in 2 months. I may be able to come in and see all of you if I get a leave.....Until then say hello to everyone for me.

Pat Di Pierro. Thanks ever so much for the holiday greetings. Cards and letters from friends are the only real touch of the holiday spirit we get here in camp though most of us don't really mind the circumstances of camp life. We do miss not being with our friends and families.....All of my service has been at Camp Barkeley, Texas. To date I have contributed nothing for I am still in training, but I hope soon to be

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ARE YOU HELPING THE FARMER?

Every word spoken today about the importance of the farmer should make us feel important. However, a lot of folks are not able to see how driving a typewriter, pushing a pencil, or knitting a brow for the FCA have any close relation to agriculture and its attainment of the '43 food goals. We never see any farmers. We are a long way from a farm. The real connection that does exist is hard to see with the naked eye.

Agriculture, like industry, operates on capital. When a farmer's personal capital is not adequate, he must borrow. The FCA and its agencies lend, and the FCA cannot lend unless you perform your specialized function in this complex organization. Today the farmer is important; FCA credit is important to his production; and the FCA cannot lend without your services.

You could not help the farmer more by getting a job on a farm milking the cows and plowing corn. In the FCA you are closer to the Nation's farmers and more helpful than if you were to start working on a farm.

Here in the FCA, doing your usual, necessary job, you are of maximum service helping our farmers feed themselves, our allies, our industrial workers, and ourselves.

BUY WAR BONDS

FCA SERVICE MEN

Each soldier in this flag represents an FCA Service Man.



Strictly Personal



Stenographic. Mrs. Winifred Metts has recently returned from Washington, D. C., where she spent several days with her mother.....Helen McIlvaine left for Washington to accept a position in the Solicitor's Office.....A party was given recently in honor of Alverta Marston who is at present vacationing in Pensacola, Florida. Upon her return, she will be detailed to the Traffic Unit.....Mrs. Geraldine Madigan and her small son are leaving for Florida January 28 to join Mr. Madigan who is stationed at the army air base there.....Mrs. Violet Heim is spending her vacation with her mother in Atchison, Kansas.....Mary Ellen Cole has just returned to work after several days vacation spent here in the city.....LaVeta Dexter who has recovered from a tonsil operation has returned to work.

Mortgage Corporation. Bill McNamee is recuperating after his recent operation..

Property Section. Lawrence Hayden has returned from a vacation in Washington, D. C.....Kenneth Caldwell and Donald Foreman left recently for pilot training. Both were presented with pen and pencil sets.....Harvey Miller proudly presented his sailor son on leave from Great Lakes.. June Johnson is leaving for a well deserved promotion.....Harry Shenker has been transferred to Graphic and Duplicating.

Solicitor's Office. Traveling the thoroughfare to Washington on official business were: Robert K. McConnaughey, R. L. Farrington, Abe Goldman, May Bigelow and A. B. Parker.....May Bigelow has transferred to the Solicitor's Office in Washington....Mary Lochbaum and Margaret Porter transferred to our office from FCA. Carol Schoonmaker met her husband in St. Louis and he has returned to KC for a short furlough.....Etha Townsend spent a Christmas vacation at her home in St. Joseph....."Mark" Anthony is now a full fledged auxiliary policeman.

Personnel. George Wienbarg is spending a few days at his home in Cheyenne, Wyoming, before reporting to Ft. Leavenworth to assume his new duties as a private in the U. S. Army. He was inducted on January 18. Shirley Arnold is our bride of the week. She was married on January 19 to Staff Sergeant Norman L. Chancey who expects to receive a commission in the U. S. Army about the first of February and will probably be stationed in California..... Blanche Stone has gone to Washington, D.C. where she will spend some time visiting with her sisters. Estelle Hutchins will leave soon for Belam, Brazil, where she has accepted a position with the REC..... Polly McCoy's brother Pat McCoy, who is a storekeeper in the U. S. Navy stationed at San Diego, California, visited her for a few days recently.....Lela Siebert has transferred to the staff of the Solicitor's Office.

Examination. Mary Epps is now wearing a diamond ring. The fortunate man is John S. Cheek who is with the Signal Corps of the Army. Miss Epps was honoree at a dinner on January 15 at the About Town. She has returned to Washington, D. C., and is in the FCA office there.....Vera Jones is back after a 2-week illness.....Clifford Fears has been appointed farm credit examiner.....Mrs. Dorothy L. Wilson has been detailed to Examination Division..... Virginia Campbell is visiting her sister, Miss Dorothy Campbell.....Dorothy Hagen was on leave for a few days entertaining Private Willard Mack who is stationed at San Angelo.....Eileen Fascher is recovering from an appendectomy. She will return to work the latter part of January. Her sister, Miss Lois Fascher, is here from Kimball, South Dakota, for a visit.

Finance and Accounts. Olga Markham has returned from a visit with her husband at Memphis, Tennessee.....Corryne Matter has returned to work after a recent illness.. Jack Porterfield was presented with a fitted duffel bag before he left for the Army.....Lt. Goldberger stopped off for a brief visit in KC enroute to Jeffersonville, Indiana.....Robert Trowbridge was inducted into the Army on January 15..... John Barber has been assigned to the air corps at Miami Beach, Florida.

Graphic. John Erickson has enlisted in the U. S. Merchant Marine.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

CR&S welcomes Stanley L. Smith who transferred from BAI.....L. F. Herrmann has left us for OPA.....Saw Mary Mathis on F Street the other day - looking fit, after her recent illness.

And a good time was had by all ---! Not to be outdone by the "Kansas Citians" the CR&S Division decided it was high time to get together for one of the old-time Farm Credit friendly gatherings - so on Wednesday,

January 6, at the Harrington Hotel, 75 members of CR&S, past and present, Liason members, and husbands and wives, enjoyed a turkey dinner and the entertainment which consisted of songs and violin and piano solos. As frivolity was the keynote of the evening any speaker mentioning office work would be fined 25¢ for the "rehabilitation of the Japanese"! We are happy to say that no money for this purpose was donated. Among the "story tellers" were Dr. Warburton, Dr. Stitts, Colonel Herrmann, Dr. Fetrow, Major Weaver, and members of the Division staff.

WHERE ARE THESE MEN?

Help Giff Hoag complete his Grapevine mailing list by furnishing complete addresses for the following FCA fighting men:

Buckles, Galen M.
 Childs, Robert C.
 Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
 Grove, Gertrude S.
 Herwaldt, David
 Lake, Captain Harold A.
 Linden, Joseph E.
 Oleynik, Corporal Vladimir
 Western Defense Command
 94 M.R.U.
 San Francisco, California
 Pugh, Franklin
 Rader, Walter L.
 Saunders, Robert W.
 Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
 Seanor, Burton R.
 Tiley, Edward H., Jr.
 Watson, Clive
 710 - 1774 North _____
 Arlington, Virginia
 Wright, William E.
 Smith, Woodrow W.

NEW CREDIT UNION OFFICERS

The first annual meeting of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union was held at 4:30 p.m. on January 20. More than a hundred members were present. The main business was the election of directors

and members of the supervisory and credit committees. Appreciation was expressed for the services rendered by M. J. Fraile, Treasurer, and George Meyer, retiring board members, who were unable to accept nomination for the coming year.

The following officers were elected:

Directors

John B. Muller, Jr.	F & A	2 Yrs.
John W. D. Fowler	FFMC	2 "
Eleanor Ferguson	Admin.	1 "
Irvin S. Dyke	Co-op	1 "
Fred Bowie	Exam.	1 "
Marie Puhr	I & E	2 "
F. D. Van Sant	IC	2 "
H. H. Key	Land Bank	1 "
Louise Pressgrove	Library	1 "

Supervisory Committee

Homer Smith	PC	2 Yrs.
J. M. Selby	Gov. Off.	1 "
Gray W. Hume, Jr.	F & A	2 "

Credit Committee

Paul Rapp	Admin.	2 Yrs.
Irvin S. Dyke	Co-op	1 "
Walter S. Hein	F & A	1 "
Elizabeth S. Moyer	Per.	2 "
A. A. Goldman	Sol. Off.	1 "

FCA EMPLOYEES ARE RICH

FCA employees own a \$63,000 business--
 The FCA Employees Federal Credit Union.

The annual report of the credit union, presented at the first annual meeting on January 20, contains a summary of credit union operations for the 9-month period ended December 31, 1942. If you have not seen a copy of this report ask for one at the credit union office. (MP)

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In order to keep milk from turning sour, it should be kept in the cow.

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able to do something. My little bit will be with the Medical Department.....This particular service of our forces does not receive much public credit and as a result its members often wish they were in some other branch.....They go with every type of unit to render life saving aid and do so without any arms protection for themselves. You can imagine the courage they have to build up to face the enemy..... Thanks again for the greetings and may we all celebrate the 1943 holidays in success and peace.

Michael Sofchak. Your very much appreciated letter would have undoubtedly reached me much sooner if I hadn't been evacuated from my former spot. You know where I mean. I can't mention anything much of my present spot as it is forbidden.....Yesterday was rather a field day for me, that is so far as mail is concerned. I received in all 25 letters, some dated as far back as July. I really enjoyed them all but several were of special interest, particularly yours, and one real long interesting letter from Miss Mathis. I enjoyed hearing from her very much. I think it's just swell of her to write me as I never expected any mail from her for I know how really busy she must be.....I've taken several new slants on life. This thing called war does this to a fellow. I bet there sure must be a bunch of pretty girls at FCA now, but as I've said before, they were always there.....I miss the good ole U.S.A., so do a flock of other service men out here. I wonder when we will all be back. I hope and pray it's real soon..... Don't fail to pass my best wishes and regards to the gang.....thanks again.

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I was "snowed" upon receiving the "Grapevine" and to find that it contained one of my letters to the gang. I showed it to some of the boys and now you should hear 'em "rubbing it in." (Mike: We think your letters are swell. Ed.).....A few days

after my birthday I was wounded in action, not seriously though. I spent approximately 5 weeks recuperating and now, thanks to God, I'm in tip-top shape again. Lucky Sofchak that's what they call me....How's the bunch? Don't forget to say hello for me.....Right now we are all having a time battling giant mosquitoes; seems like we just can't get friendly with them.

Byron Dupree. We are certainly busy here now. This week is especially so because we have so many songs to prepare for Christmas party programs at various camps here at the station in addition to the ones that we will sing on the "Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air" which will be broadcast next Sunday, December 27, on the Blue Network. This Great Lakes Choir is becoming quite a famous group, and I certainly consider myself extremely fortunate to have gotten into it.....We are still taking shots for various things. Today, we are scheduled to get a double typhoid shot. Some of the fellows get pretty sick as a result (of which I think 75 percent is imagination).....We are scheduled to be here 12 weeks in "boat training" yet, although rumors to the contrary fly thick and fast.

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTERS, MEN

If you want to be sure your letter gets to the Grapevine, write direct.

A LETTER FROM OUR WAAC

Dear "FCA"

It is really cold up here but we have very warm clothing and our barracks are warm. The first day we were all issued service men's overcoats, knitted caps, mittens and galoshes. The coats were of all sizes and mine hit me just above my galoshes. None of us cared though as they were protection against this Iowa wind. (Don't think K.C. is the only windy place.) Now most of us have our uniforms and we all think we look pretty nice.

I am in a small room with four other girls and none of us snores. Most of the girls are awfully nice and all of the officers I have seen are just grand. They are very understanding and don't expect too much right at first.

Last week we learned something about army discipline, regulations, etc. I like drill fine and have gotten a kick out of saluting. It all seems very far from Kansas City and the FCA.

Nevertheless I do like it. They tell us that the next 3 weeks will really be hard. Today we haven't had much to do except clean up. We are allowed to go into Des Moines weekends but it is so cold and windy I don't have much desire to go. Also I thought it would be a good time to write some letters.

Each company has a day room where we can go when not busy. There is a piano, coca cola machine, magazines, etc. We have some very fine talent in our company. One girl plays very well, one has a very good voice and one does comic numbers like yodeling, and mountain music.

The more I see of army life the less I think I'll ever be an officer. They really work hard and besides I can't yell loud enough. The noncoms have to yell too, so I'll probably remain an auxiliary. We have had several aptitude tests and lectures. Next week we have to start studying.

It is almost time for mess now so I will have to stop for this time. I surely am anxious to hear from you all and get all the news.

Sincerely,

Gertrude Grove
13th Co., 3rd - Reg.
Army Post Branch
Fort Des Moines
Des Moines, Iowa

THE WAACS' DRILL SERGEANT

You think you've a tough job
In Iceland or Nome;
I'll swap you the one that
They've slipped me at home.
I'm drilling the women
The best that I can,
But can't yell the things that
I'd yell to a man!

"Eyes right, ya gorilla!"
I once used to shout,
But that and "Hey, fathead!"
Are both strictly out;
Of jobs in the service
The hardest is mine --
I've got to discard all
My old army line.

Did privates toe in? I
could yell, "Lissen, Stupe!"
You do that again you'll
Get socked for a loop!"
"Chins up, ya baboons!" was
my cry through the day,
But drilling the dames, well,
It ain't the same way!

"Eyes right! Are ye cockeyed?"
I'd yell in loud tones,
But now it's, "Please try once
Again, Mrs. Jones!"
"Hey, mug! Wipe that grin off!"
I loved that so much,
But can't use it now for
It lacks the right touch;

"C'mon, ya big droop, get
Some snap in them knees!"
Went well with my old squads,
But never with these!
"Your shirt's out, ya dumbbell!"
I can't yell no more . . .
Forgive me my groans, it's
One elluva war! (MIK)

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Natural immunity is catching a disease
without the aid of a physician.

REPORT ON XMAS GIFTS TO FCA SERVICE MEN

Contributions for Xmas presents to the FCA fighting men totaled \$187.62. A certified check for \$1.75 has been sent to each of the 107 men who had been inducted as of December 25, 1942. (HIM)

SOME GOOD SENSE ABOUT WAR BONDS

One of our employees reports that, while discussing his bill for dental work with his dentist, he got a clear insight into the difficult problem facing the Government in putting across its 10 percent pay-roll deduction plan for War Bonds. After learning the amount of his bill, the employee jokingly said, "Of course, I expect you to invest 10 percent of the amount in War Bonds." The dentist was inclined to drop the point but said in reply, "I'm working on a couple of \$25 stamp books, one in the office and one at home. Way I'm going now, I expect to finish them in a couple of months."

Our employee wasn't impressed. Apparently, the guy thought he was doing all that anyone could expect, but you and I know he isn't. Plenty of FCA's \$1440 employees are in the "10% Club."

This article isn't in the propaganda category but FCA employees should get a sense of superiority for their support of the War Bond Program. Sometimes it may take some close figuring to stretch our reduced salaries over a 2 week's period, but 10 years from now we will reap the harvest with satisfaction from the knowledge that when things were tough we didn't lie down on the job. And don't forget that by investing in War Bonds we are building up a swell reserve for depreciation for our machines and equipment which can't be replaced until after the war is over. Someday our dentist friend may wonder how you can afford one of those new-fangled combination airplane-autos. Then will be your turn to laugh.

Sportlight



BOWLING

January 18 - Although clean sweeps were posted by Graphic, Field Acctg., and Co-op over Administrative, Files, and Personnel, Graphic grabbed most of the spotlight by piling up a team count of 2,491, a season's high. Sam Weinberg's 211-555, Jones' 212-543, and Erickson's 195-511 were top-notchers. However, McClurg of Admin. racked up the evening's high set with his 203-594. In other matches, Legal, Mtg. Corp. and Accounts were odd-game winners over F&A, Land Bank, and Reports. "500" sets included Hein's 539, Frazee's 519, Prewitt and Fowler with 507, and Menk, Dellinger, and Rall with 506.

January 25 - Graphic continued their torrid pace by blasting Legal three times for their sixth straight win and twelve out of their last 15 starts. The sweep left them seven games out of first place with 12 games to go. With the exceptions of Graphic and Field Acctg., all other teams have been mathematically eliminated from the race for top place. Ritter and Porter with 520 and 502 topped the Graphic attack although Geo. Thomson of Legal copped high match set with his 528. The losers dropped Legal from fifth to tenth in the standings. Land Bank and Personnel were other 3-game victors over Admin. and Accounts. Respective individual highs for these 2 matches were, Menk - 529 and Simonds - 483; Pitts - 453 and Dellinger - 459. Admin. nosedived from fourth place to ninth. Two-game winners were: Co-op, led by Frazee's 489 and the handicap over Field Acctg. and Rall's 520; Mtg. Corp. over Files with Fowler's 216-587 showing

the way and reports over F&A as W. Thompson and Hein banged out 541 and 501 to help offset Eufinger's 215-508 for F&A.

Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Mortgage Corp.	39	15	40,289
Graphic	32	22	37,383
Field Accounting	29	25	36,565
Reports	26	28	41,750
Finance & Accounts	26	28	38,147
Land Bank	26	28	38,112
Personnel	26	28	36,219
Cooperative	26	28	34,349
Administrative	25	29	39,770
Legal	25	29	39,096
Accounts	23	31	38,394
Files	22	32	37,572

Records

H.T.G. - Reports	932
H.T.S. - Graphic	2,491
H.I.G. - McWhirt	234
H.I.S. - Morrison	598

Averages

Fewler	171-29	McClurg	167-41
Menk	170-14	Prewitt	163-46
		Thomson, G.	163-36

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

With Muller banging out 166-449, high set for the evening, Administrative increased its lead by four games in scoring the lone clean sweep of the evening. Audit was the losing team. Central Office Acctg. maintained its second place by winning the odd game from Short-Term Credit. Ross' 178-442 was high. Despite Gerdes' 185-427, General Files was able to take only one from Stenographic. The Personnel girls lost two at the hands of Exam; Molz' 156-418 paced the winners. Bond and Cash and Finance and Accounts won two from Co-op and Long-Term Credit, respectively.

Team Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
Administrative	38	16	31,282
Central Office Acctg.	34	20	32,483
Personnel	31	23	31,168
Stenographic	31	23	30,054
Examination	31	23	29,567
Audit	31	23	28,231
Cooperative	30	24	29,040
Bond & Cash	27	27	28,035
Short-Term Credit	22	32	28,429
Long-Term Credit	21	33	28,374
Finance & Accounts	14	40	27,293
General Files	14	40	25,023

Records

H.T.G.	Personnel	723
H.T.S.	Examination	2,051
H.I.G.	Albrecht	214
H.I.S.	McGee	507

Averages

Ruch	140.23	Bark	138.21
McGee	140.14	Nelson	134.17

BASKETBALL

Farm Credit crashed into the winning column last Thursday nite by defeating Centropolis Baptist 28 to 20 for their first win in three starts. FCA led throughout the game, holding a 10-0 lead in the opening minutes and leading by 18-8 at halftime. Team play was improved over past performances with top scoring honors going to Prewitt and Kongs with 12 and 8 points respectively. In the previous week's game, the current league leaders, T.W.A. doubled the score on FCA in running up a 37-18 count. Prewitt and Young combined to score 15 markers for the Farm Credit cagers.

All games are played on Thursday nights at the Benton School, 30th and Benton Boulevard, with FCA clashing with K. C. Power and Light at 7:10 on February 4 and meeting K.C. Quartermaster Depot at 9:10 on Feb. 11.